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In Re Application of: Arndt Ulrich et al
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For: A DIE FOR A ROTARY COMPRESSION PRESS
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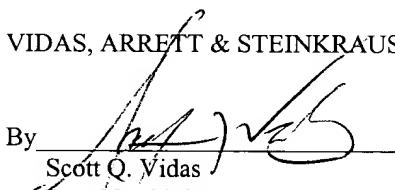
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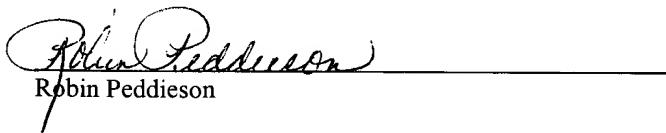
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Amendment

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed **March 14, 2003**.

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Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with amended claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A punch for a rotary compression press which has a rotor, the rotor having at least one die bore and at least one guiding bore for the axial guidance of the punch, the punch having a shank received by the guiding bore, key locking mechanism between the guiding bore and the shank preventing rotation of the punch in the guiding bore, the punch further having an insert adapted to engage the die bore for the compression of material in the die bore, the die insert being seated in an end-side bore in a front-end face of the shank and having a trunnion-shaped projection which is seated in the end-side bore and mounted via releasable fastening member, the die insert being biased by a spring toward the front-end face, the insert being adapted to automatically rotate in the end-side bore in a first rotational direction and to be axially

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